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USCINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, MILI, LE, IS, SY

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 1541

1. AS OF 1500 GMT ON APRIL 6 SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON  
STILL UNCLEAR. REPORTS COMING DIRECTLY FROM AREA SAY  
ON ONE HAND THAT THERE IS FIGHTING IN VICINITY OF MARJAYUN,  
WHILE OTHER REPORTS JUST AS DIRECT SAY SITUATION IS  
CALMER THAN YESTERDAY.

2. FATAH ALLEGEDLY HAS DETERMINED TO TAKE MARJAYUN,  
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BUT WISHES AVOID CASUALTIES AND PLANS RELY ON  
ARILLERY TO REDUCE TOWN. (OUR DATT DOES NOT THINK  
IT CAN BE DONE WITH ARTILLERY UNLESS, OF COURSE,  
CHRISTIANS WITHDRAW.) FATAH'S RATIONALE FOR WANTING  
TAKE TOWN IS ALLEGED TO BE THAT THIS WOULD TAKE  
PRESSURE OFF OTHER POINTS, BUT IT WOULD SERIOUSLY  
INCREASE PRESSURES IN BEIRUT AREA.

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED BOTH RECONFIRMATION AND DENIAL OF EARLIER REPORT PHALANGE MOBILIZING. DCM LANE AND I AND OUR WIVES HAD FAMILY LUNCH WITH PIERRE GEMAYEL AT BIKFAYA TODAY AND, WHILE WE MENTIONED SOUTH IN PASSING, HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF SPECIAL TENSION ON SUBJECT. IF PHALANGE MOBILIZING THERE WAS NO SIGN OF IT AROUND HIS HOUSE.

4. DATT AND I PAID COURTESY CALL ON MINDEF BOUTROS AND ARMY COMMANDER KHOURY THIS MORNING. SUBJECT OF SOUTH NOT DISCUSSED WITH KHOURY, BUT WE DID EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT WITH BOUTROS. HE SEEMED QUITE DISCOURAGED BY SITUATION AND SAID "MANY ARABS" THOUGHT U.S. HAD ROLE TO PLAY (KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HAD JUST LEFT HIS OFFICE.) I ASKED WHAT IT WAS AND HE SAID WE SHOULD TELL ISRAELIS TO BE LESS OFFENSIVE. I REPLIED THAT LEBANESE FORCES AND ISRAELIS APPEARED BE SOMEWHAT ON DEFENSIVE AT PRESENT.

5. WE MAY HAVE SOLUTION TO YARMOUK BRIGADE PUZZLE. WE ARE TOLD IT DID NOT RETURN TO SYRIA IN DECEMBER BUT REMAINED IN ARQUB AREA. ITS RETURN TO SCENE OF ACTION IN LEBANON WOULD THEREFORE NOT HAVE REQUIRED IT TO CROSS BORDER.  
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